SION was taken after due deliberations.

**Different rates of excise duty**

*111. SHRI SUNDER SINGH BHANDARI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a difference in the rate of excise duty on the baa's that the final product is produced in an integrated plant or a split unit particularly in case of cement; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) Cement manufactured in a factory using vertical shaft kiln or rotary kiln having specified installed or licensed capacity attracts basic excise duty of Rs. 165/-per MT. Cement manufactured in other plants attracts basic excise duty of Rs. 290/- per MT.

(b) Low rate of excise duty has been extended $t_0$ cement units using vertical shaft kiln or rotary kiln mainly on $th_e$ following considerations:—

(i) to encourage use of small deposits of limestone available in not easily accessible areas;

(ii) to tap small markets in and around $th_e$ small limestone deposits.

**Narcotics smuggling on Pakistan border**

112. CHOWDHARY HARI SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it Is a fact that of late there has been a rise in cases of narcotics smuggling on the Pak border; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by Government to check $th_e$ same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI *M.* V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) The seizures on the Indo-Pak border during the last two $year_s$ have been as follows:—

| | Heroin (Kg) | Hashish (Kg) |
|---|---|---|
| 1991 . . . | 41.460 | 564.670 |
| 1992 . . . | 36.565 | 617.820 |

(b) Arrangements for gathering of intelligence and exchange of intelligence between the different agenda have been streamlined. Training is being imported to the enforcement officers of various agencies *to* improve their effectiveness. A part of the Indo-Pakistan border has been fenced. The strength of enforcement agencies in the border areas has been enhanced. Equipment has also been supplied to some enforoejment agencies! toi improve their mobility and communication facilities in the border areas.

**Adjustment of overdrafts by State Government**

113. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: WiU the Minister of FINANCE $b_e$ pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of State Gov ernments which have failed to repay to the Reserve Bank of India their over draft $_a$s on 31st December, 1992;

(b) what is the amount of overdraft due from each State as on the 31st De cember, 1992; and

(c) what action the Reserve Bank of India has taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) The Staite Governments of Kerala and Manipur failed to clear their overdrafts from the Reserve Bank as on December 30, 1992 (December 31, 1992 being holiday for half-yearly closing of Reserva Bank's accounts) within the time limit prescribed under rthe Overdraft Regjnla-t tion Scheme.

(b) The amount of overdraft due from, each State a* on December 30, 1992 (Do-